

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
ILLINOIS DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

Meeting Date: November 13, 2012
 Meeting Convened: 11:00 a.m.
 Meeting Adjourned: 1:15 p.m.
 Meeting Location: IDPR Chicago Office
 James R. Thompson Center
 Room 9 - 038

Board Members Present: Claudette Baker, Chairperson
 Patricia Faivre, Vice-Chairperson
 Jason Bussell, Member
 David Miller, M.D., Member
 Pamela Olson, D.C., Member
 Lixin Sha, Member

Staff Members Present: Sandra Dunn, Board Liaison
 Heather Ast, Legal Counsel
 (via conference call)

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approval of Minutes	The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 18, 2012 meeting.	Motion to approve as amended. (Faivre/Bussell) Motion carried.
Introductions	The Board members and staff introduced themselves and welcomed the new board members.	
New Business Advertising Issues	A question regarding advertising a series of treatments for a reduced price and the use of the web provider "Groupon" was discussed. The Board expressed concern about using this internet website for promotion of acupuncture services and whether providing a series of acupuncture treatments for a reduced price is ethical according the Act and Rules.	Attorney Heather Ast told the Board that promotional advertising is allowed as long as the advertisements follow the guidelines as set forth in the Acupuncture Act and Rules. A refund for any portion of services that are not used but previously paid for must be made to the client upon demand.

<p>Scope of Practice – Billing Codes</p>	<p>A discussion of billing codes allowed by insurance companies for reimbursement was discussed. Specifically, the Board discussed the use of manual therapy #97140 billing code and expressed concern about this code and other codes being disallowed or questioned by insurance companies.</p>	<p>Attorney Ast explained that the Department has no opinion about specific billing codes. The use of general pain treatment codes should fall within the scope of practice of acupuncture. The definitions of manual manipulation and the needle first therapy were discussed. Dr. Miller will draft an article for publication in the association newsletter to clarify the use of CPT (procedure codes) and ICD (disease classification coding). Dr, Miller will forward it to Attorney Ast for review.</p>
<p>Old Business Rules Revisions</p>	<p>The Board discussed the following Rules revisions:</p> <p><u>Section 1140.20 Fees:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 1) Change application fee to \$300 2) Change application fee to \$500 (CE sponsor) b) 1) Change renewal fee to \$100 per year. <p><u>Section 1140.10 Definitions</u> Add to “Acupuncturist” definition... a person who practices acupuncture and is licensed by the Division <i>under the Acupuncture Practice Act.</i></p> <p><u>Section 1140.90 Continuing Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) 2) Change maximum number of hours for CE self-study to 8 hours 6) Change maximum number of hours for related programs to 8 hours 	<p>Changes to <u>Section 1140.40 Acupuncture Curriculum</u> were discussed. It was recommended to specify Asian bodywork therapy and mandate specific hours. It was suggested to have the Illinois Acupuncture colleges review the current Rules for class hours and credit hours and make sure they reflect current ACOM requirements.</p> <p>Dr. David Miller and Patricia Faivre, Rules Committee members, will continue to work on proposed changes to other sections of the Rules and revisions will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>

